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EBCRC Meetings

January 14, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

TBA

Check your email for Zoom link



The Executive Board meets monthly before each general meeting. For the date, time, & location, contact officers at EBHam.office@gmail.com.

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January 14th EBARC Meeting

The general EBARC meeting will again be held as a virtual Zoom meeting only. The Zoom link will be sent via email and be posted on ebarc.org. We hope you join us! Because of the pandemic, future meetings for (TBD) more months will also be held via Zoom.

Errata

In the December *Blown Fuse* the nominated officers were listed incorrectly. They have been elected and taken office, thus:

- President: Chris Harwood, AA6AT
- 1st Vice President – Program: Katie Carney, KN6APB
- 2nd Vice President - Membership: Sharon Primbsch, AA6XZ
- Treasurer: Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ
- Secretary: Todd Teachout, W8BIK

Many thanks to Michael McMillan, K6MCM, for proofreading this month's *Blown Fuse*.

Former President's Message Jay Sparks, KJ6HSH

We have closed the chapter on another difficult year. I thank the members and Board for your camaraderie. As chaotic as it was, having friends who respect each other and who work toward sharing the magic of radio in all manner and forms, have made this year a blessing. I look forward to the monthly meetings and hopefully, this year, participate in both on-the-air and in-person activities. Thanks go to Sharon for conducting another successful election. The club is in very capable hands, with our new president, Chris Harwood and a complement of experienced officers. I wish you all well in the club's mission to spread knowledge and enjoyment of amateur radio.

To your good health and wishes for a Happy New Year!

President's Message Chris Harwood, AA6AT

Past: As we wrap up 2021 I'd like to compliment EBARC members on their resilience during another challenging year. FD 2021 working the GOTA station was the highlight for me. Seeing how our members adapted to ever-changing circumstances, pulling together to get operators and visitors on the air was really encouraging. I liked seeing how persistent many of us were at attending the monthly meetings, showing commitment to the ongoing social activities that many of us joined EBARC for, thus highlighting our social nature.

Present: As we transition into 2022 and a new leadership team, I'm very excited to see where EBARC goes. True, times are uncertain. With new COVID variants hindering our in-person activities, we will get through this and come out better for it in many ways. I'd like all of us to think about what the best part(s) of being in an

amateur radio club is. We'll be talking about this soon.

Future: Looking at the future EBARC, I see many opportunities for fun while we adapt to what looks to be our new COVID normal. A few of the fun EBARC club activities I'm looking forward to leading include; SOTA/POTA activations, contests, a field trip, and hosting "Open Shack" sessions. I have two requests for members: a) I encourage members to voice their opinions about what they want from EBARC membership; and b) think about what help you might need, whether it's technical, operating skills, or something else.

With that, let's roll into 2022 with an open mind and a little extra patience for our fellow humans. Have a Happy New Year!

Treasurer's Report
November 2021
Audrey Nieman, W6BBQ, Treas.

NOVEMBER GENERAL FUND¹

Beginning Balance \$11,439.15

Income:

Earned Interest \$0.04

Earned Interest CD 6.87

2022 Dues..... 570.00

Total General Income: \$576.91

Disbursements:

Storage Locker Shelving 145.00

Storage Locker Move-In 25.00

Election copies, postage, envelopes.. 89.41

Total General Disbursements \$259.41

Ending Balance \$11,756.65

(portion as petty cash \$40.00)

(portion as a US Bank CD ... \$5,000.00)

¹\$100 earmarked for youth scholarships

Righting Rules for Editors

Prepositions are not words to end sentences with.
And sentences should not begin with a conjunction.
Contractions aren't helpful and shouldn't be used.

December 2021 General Minutes
Todd Teachout, W8BIK, Secretary

The EBARC General Meeting was held December 10, 2021, virtually, via the Zoom internet conferencing application as a result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions. 18 people attended. The President called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

A Zoom meeting invite had been distributed via e-mail on 12/10/2021. The President, Jay, welcomed attendees.

Officer Reports:

President: Jay Sparks reported that the Election Committee, consisting of himself, Mike Camp, and Jeff Miller got together to open and count ballots. Thirty-three ballots had been returned. Jay reported that the officer slate listed on the ballot were elected to serve for 2022. There were no write-in votes. Chris Harwood is President, Katie Carney is 1st Vice President in charge of programs, Sharon Primbsch is 2nd Vice President in charge of membership, Audrey Nieman is Treasurer, and Todd Teachout is Secretary.

Secretary: Todd Teachout reported that the draft November 2021 EBARC general meeting minutes were published in the December 2021 *Blown Fuse* newsletter. He reported receiving no correction requests. He recommended that the group approve the minutes. Minutes approved by affirmation.

3rd VP-Membership/Newsletter/VE Testing:

Sharon Primbsch reported the deadline for articles for the January 2022 *Blown Fuse*

newsletter is noted in the newsletter (December 28th). No new members joined EBARC in the last month. Due to pandemic restrictions the January VE radio operator licensing test session will not occur. Sharon sent out 2022 dues renewal documents and election ballots. Thirty-three responses were received as of today.

Treasurer: Audrey Nieman reported that in October there were no new deposits or expenses. Interest earned on club deposits was \$0.04. The October ending fund balance is \$11,439.15 (of which \$5,000 is held in a Certificate of Deposit). There is a deadline to renew which is February 28th 2022. Missing that deadline will result in being removed from the club roster and the distribution list for the *Blown Fuse Newsletter* and any special announcements that occur.

1st VP Programs: Katie Carney reported that tonight's presentation will be a reading of an Amateur-radio-centric version of *Twas the Night before Christmas*. Attendees are invited to report about what they are most grateful for in 2021 and what they are most looking forward to in 2022. Katie also reported that she continues to refine a survey of members to gain some insight into interests and activities. She also wants your thoughts on the future direction of the club. Katie will work with Sharon to finish the survey by the end of December, sending it out to members soon thereafter. The goal is to report findings in February.

2nd VP Hospitality. No report due to absence.

Announcements:

Todd Teachout reported that on January 1st the ARRL will hold a *Kids Day Special Event* as well as a *Straight Key Night Special Event*. He encouraged members with children or grandchildren (generally under the age of 15) to get on the air with them. Kids Day will start at 10:00AM PST (1800 UTC) and finish at 3:59PM PST (2359 UTC). More info at

www.arrl.org/kids-day Straight Key day should appeal to those wanting to exercise their Morse Code and keying skills. Straight Key Day starts at 4 p.m. PST December 31, 2021 (0000 UTC) and finishes at 3:59 p.m. PST (2359 UTC) on January 1, 2022. More info at www.arrl.org/straight-key-night

Chris Harwood, announced he has volunteered to be the trustee of the Club Station W6CUS for 2022, in response to notice that Martin Rothfield will be stepping away from that role as of the end of December.

Jay Sparks, announced he has volunteered to be the Club Webmaster in response to notice that Martin Rothfield will be stepping away from that role as of the end of December.

Old Business Not Discussed. In-person meeting place is pending.

New Business:

2022 Officer Elections: The 2022 EBARC Officers (installed tonight) are:

President-Chris Harwood
1st VP-Programs-Katie Carney
2nd VP (formerly 3rd VP)- Membership-Sharon Primbsch
Treasurer-Audrey Nieman
Secretary-Todd Teachout

Program:

1st VP Katie asked and invited members to mention what they are grateful for in 2021 and what they are looking forward to in 2022. Attending members expressed their thoughts on the questions.

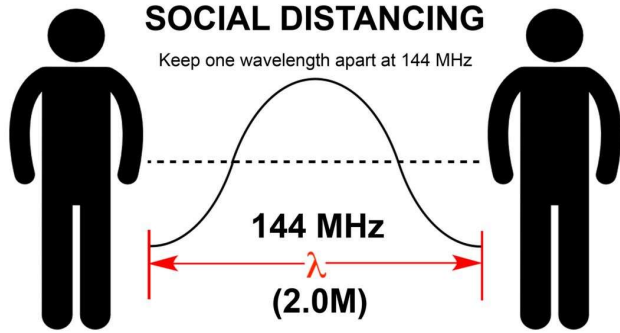
Katie then read a recently found ham-radio-oriented version of *Twas the Night before Christmas*.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. Next meeting is January 14, 2021.

Amateur radio enthusiast guide to

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Keep one wavelength apart at 144 MHz



[advice courtesy of Mike McMillan, K6MCM!]

Please Renew and Update

If you haven't yet renewed EBARC for 2022, you can use the nifty self-addressed-stamped-envelope that came with ballots for your check and roster info. We especially want to know if you have changed your address, phones, email, callsign, or license class. The 2022 renewal deadline is February 28th.

Future Bay Area Events

- Current Bay Area Public Service Events: See www.ebarc.org, click on "Current Events", then scroll to "Calendar of Bay Area Ham Radio Public Service Events."
- EBARC, ORCA, and ARCA sponsor joint ARRL VEC Amateur Radio test sessions quarterly at 9 a.m. in the Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way (at 16th St.), Oakland. Because of COVID, the 2022 dates have not been set. The fee is \$15. Candidates must preregister at davidotey@comcast.net or call 510-741-8227.
- East Bay Section ARRL ARES; arrl.volunteerhub.com/lp/eb. CoCoCo ACS Training: Details from "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, kj6dj@arrl.net, (415) 215-6658, or via RACES net, 6:45 p.m., Thursdays on 145.11 MHz. Also see Sheriff Office's Communications Unit David Nielson, K6CDN, davidnielson@yahoo.com

The East Bay Amateur Radio Club, founded in 1947, is a California non-profit organization of amateur radio operators in Contra Costa and Alameda counties. The club is open to anyone interested in amateur radio. Annual dues are \$30 for individual membership, \$35 for a family membership, and \$10 for students K-12. For information, send email to ebham.office@gmail.com, contact any EBARC officer, see Web page www.ebarc.org, or write EBARC, P.O. Box 1393, El Cerrito, CA 94530. You can also follow us on Twitter using @w6cus, or on Facebook's "East Bay Amateur Radio Club."

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AMATEUR RADIO NETS

NET	DAYS	LOCAL TIME	FREQ, MHZ
"Over the Hill Gang" Breakfast/Commute Net	Mo-Fr	0710 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Contra Costa Com. Club Digital Net (by arrangement)	Tue*	1900 (PL 82.5+)	444.275
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Tue	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
"QRM Net"	Tue	1930 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 (PL 107.2-)	145.490
UCB ARC (W6BB) EMMCOMM Net	1 st Wed	1200 simplex	145.430
UCB ARC (W6BB) Club Net	Wed	1900 (PL 103.5+)	442.275
West Contra Costa EMCOMM Net	Thu	1845 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
KARO/ECHO ARES EMCOMM Net	Thu	~1900 simplex	146.415
NALCO ARES EMCOMM Net	Thu	1915 (PL 131.8+)	440.900
Oakland ARES Emergency Communications Net	Thu	1930 (PL 77-)	146.880
Contra Costa Communications Club Net	Thu	1930 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0900 (PL 82.5-)	145.110
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0915 (PL 82.5-)	224.300
Bay Shores Richmond EMCOMM Net	Sat	0930 (PL 82.5+)	444.275

ACS West CoCoCo: "DJ" djovida, KJ6DJ, kj6dj@arrl.net, (415) 215-6658.*
 Frequencies: #1=145.110, #2=147.570s.